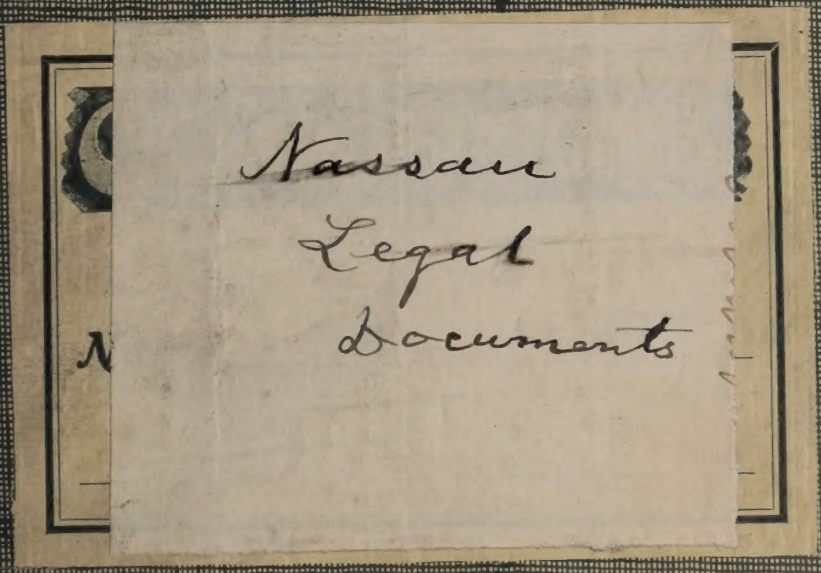

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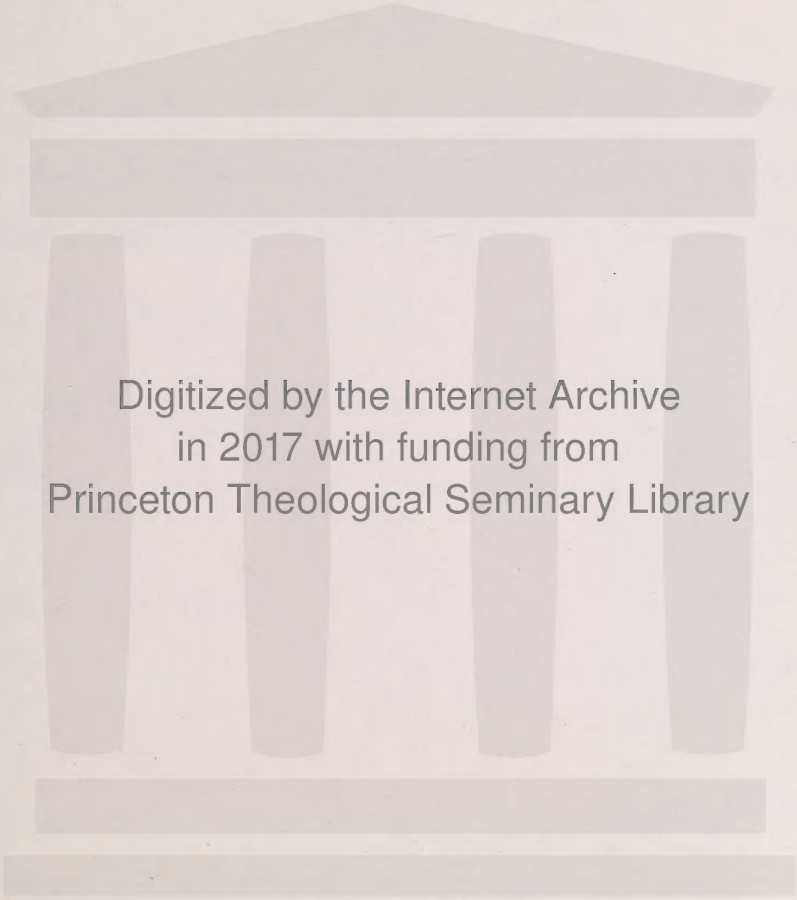
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Nassau

Wills and other Deeds.

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R. H. Nassau.

No. 1: page 1. Will of my great-grandfather, Charles William Nushag (Nassau.)
Dated March 26th 1798. He died, Aug. 1802.
No. 2. The Will was probated April 22nd, 1807: page 6.

No. 2. page 11. My great grand-father's Estate.

No. 3. page 17. Statement, by my grandfather, that the real name of the family was Nassau
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No. 4. page 23. Will of my grand-father.

No. 5. page 31. Deed of property of my great grandfather Nassau, made in June 18th, 1797.

No. 6. pages 37–41. Notes, by R. H. Nassau.

Copy of Chas. Wm. Mushag's Will.

Be it remembered that I, Charles William Mushag, of the City and County of Philadelphia, Baker, being weak and infirm of Body, but of sound Mind and Memory, have thought fit to make, and hereby do make, my Last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, First, I will that my just debts and funeral Expenses shall be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease - Item: I give and bequeath unto my three grand Children, Catharine, Sarah, and Maria Stumfeltz, Children of my deceased daughter Margaret, the Sum of Sixty pounds specie, to be equally divided between them, part and share alike, and to be placed and kept out at Interest on good and sufficient Security, until they respectively attain to lawful age, and each of them to receive her dividend of the principal and Interest as she attains to lawful age and not before - Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law Hannah Mushag, the widow of my late Son John, deceased, the Sum of Five Shillings lawful money. Item: as for and

concerning all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before otherwise disposed of, I do give devise and bequeath the same unto my six beloved Children Charles Nushag, William Nushag, Jacob Nushag, Michael Nushag, Barbara Benninghove, and Catharine Kingston, their several and respective Heirs Executors and Administrators and asigns, to be equally divided between them my said six Children part and share alike as Tenants in Common - Saving and Excepting always that each of my said two daughters shares shall be fifty pounds less than the Shares of either of my other Children, as I have already advanced to each of my said two daughters the amount of Fifty pounds in furniture - Provided always, and it is my mind and will that all my minor Children shall be educated cloathed and brought up out of the rents and Incomes of the whole of my Estate until they respectively arrive at proper age - and that no division of my Real Estate shall be made among my devisees until my youngest Son hath attained the full age of Twenty

one years— But the same shall be let and demised kept in repair and the clear rents and Incomes thereof enjoyed by my said Children in their proportions, according to this my will untill my youngest son hath attained the age aforesaid, and to prevent disputes and save expence in the division of my Estate I do will and direct that after my youngest Son hath attained to the age aforesaid my Houses and Lots and each of them seperately shall be valued by three Judicious and impartial men to be chosen for that purpose by my Children or a majority of them, and after such Valuation, my Eldest Son, and in case of his death or refusal my next son or in case of his death or refusal, my third Son and so on in rotation all my sons, and in Case of the death or refusal of all my Sons, then my said daughters Barbara and Catharine according to their priority of Birth shall and may have and take the same messuages and Lots at such valuation, with this Exception however that after one Son or Daughter hath chosen and agreed to take one House and Lot, the next eldest Son or Daughter shall have the preference to the next, and so on in rotation — and I do in such Case

will and devise the Premises at such valuation unto such my Son and Daughter who shall so chuse to take the same his or her Heirs and assigns forever charged and chargeable nevertheless to the payment of their respective Shares of the amount valuation of said Premises unto each of the other of my said Children and their representatives respectively, which shall be paid to them immediately— Provided also that in case all my said Children refuse to take the Premises at the valuation aforesaid, then it is my mind and will and I do authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter named and the Survivor of them or the Executors or administrators of such Survivor, to bargain and sell the Premises for the best price that can be gotten and by proper Deeds and assurances in the Law to grant and convey the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers his her or their Heirs and assigns forever, and all the Monies arising from such sale to be divided between my said Children or their legal representatives agreeably to the Intent and meaning of this my Will— Item: I do nominate and appoint my son-in-law Jacob

Jennings Cove Junior and my esteemed friend Nathan Sellers Executors of this my last Will and Testament Lastly, I do revoke all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and published and declare these presents only to be and contain my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the twenty sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight —

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator, Charles William Yeates, for and as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names — The word according interlined

Andrew Young — John Cummings

R Whitehead

Charles Wm Yeates (Ls)

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Philad.a March 2nd 1803 Then personally appeared Andrew Sowe and Richard Underhill two of the Witnesses to the foregoing Will and on Oath did depose and say that they saw and heard Charles W.m Thomas the Testator sign seal publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament and at the time thereof he was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Before me

C. Wampole Dep.y Reg.r

Philad.a City & County ss.

I Certify that the foregoing writing is a True Copy from the Original Will of Charles William Thomas deceased, and Probate thereof, filed and remaining on Record in the Register's Office at Philadelphia. And that Letters Testamentary thereof were on the third Day of December 1803 granted unto Nathan Sellers the surviving Executor therein named.—

Given under my Hand and the Seal of Office
this Twenty second day of April 1807,—
T. Hamblin Deputy Regr

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On the back of this Will is written,

My Brother Jacob died on Board the Ship Alexander
Capt Davy, on the Spanish Main, in 1800, he was
in his seventeenth year of his age,
My Father Died in August 1802,
William Nassau

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Chas W. Rushan's estate.

Amount of Chas Wm Rushan's Estate, to be disposed of, as his Will directs — viz.

1. A frame house in Spring Garden, valued at $ 300.

from which deduct arrears of ground rent owing thereon } 160 — $ 140.00

2. A brick house East side of 6th Street valued at — 3000.00

3. A brick house West side of 6th Street — valued at — 1500.00

4. House rent due the Estate, by Chas one of the Sons & divisees — 314.00

5. Advanced to Catherine, decd — one of the daughters & divisees — 50.50

6. Advanced to Michael — one of the Sons & divisees — 24.00

7. Ballance in Executors Hands, as per Settlement at office — 388.61

8. Recd by Exrs since for rent — of Chas Irvine — 20.00

Total of amt to be disposed of as the Will directs 5437.11

Deduct, bequeathed to Sturmfetz's Children $ 160.
With Int from March 2d 1804 30.40 } 190.40

Leaves to be disposed of in 5 parts 5246.71

But William and Michael are, by the Will, to have each 50 pounds more than the Mess-

Then

1st Charles has rec'd in Cash $ 314
takes the House in S. Garden 140

454 added to $ 542 due him = $ 996.00

2d William takes a house in 6th St $ 2000 - is to pay $ 870.67 - leaves 1129.34

3d Michael has had advance $ 24
takes a house in 6th St. 1500
1524 - is to pay $ 394.67 - leaves 1129.33

4th Catharine's Share has had advance $ 50.50 - added to 945.50 due her 996.00

5th Barbara's Children — due to them 996.00

5246.67

Proof

Cash in Ex'r's hands after paying
Stumpf's children's legacy with Int. $ 190.40 } $ 218.21
To receive of Wm as above stated 870.67
To receive of Mich'l as above stated 394.67

makes $ 2483.55

To pay to Chas as above stated 542.00
Do to Catharine's Share as stated 945.50
Do to Barbara's Children 996.00

makes 2483.50

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On back of this sheet is written,
My Fathers Estate and My Brother Michael.
Cox

My Father Charles Wm Pinshaw: Esqr, I would notice:
The first Instrument of writing, to which his name
is Signed, was a deed made by him, and I think was
a Mr Byerly. to which, they made an exchange, as I
lots Lined together. In the deed made by them, my
Father wrote his name Charles Wm Pinshaw, which
we his children wrote our names Pinshaw. My Father
died in 1802; he made a will and appointed for
his Executors his Son-in-law Jacob Deninghove, Esqr
and his Friend Nathan Sellers, his Executors: he died
Possessed of Three dwelling Houses. In his Will, he directed
how his Estate was to be disposed of: he directed that
a Son his Youngest Son obtaining the age of 21 years
his Executors where to have Three Persons to be appoin-
ted, who were to Value and put the Price on each
House, and then the oldest Child had the first
Choice. My elder Sister and Brother declined.
I took the first, a 3 Story House. My Brother Mich-

= ave took the 2 Store house and my brother Charles took the other. My Brother Richard did not wish to take his. I Convey it to him, for which he made me a deed. which is Recorded. Nathan Sellers being the Surviving Executor had the whole arrangement Agreeable to the direction of my Fathers Will, and Closed his account with the Estate.

I Settled on Second Brisbane's Lot Third Street, North of Vine Ave - In 1809. In 1810, I purchased a House in Second Street of Henry Pilver, for the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars, my Brother Richard moved into the house. My Partner, Jacob Cunningham loaned me the Money, and I gave him a Bond & Mortgage, as my Brother had not much Money I had to Provide him with means to Carry on his Business, as will be Seen in my account with him.; he left his home and greatly indebted to others as in 1812.

Note, by R. H. Nassau:-

I suspect that my great-grandfather's writing of his name as, "Nushg", was an attempt of contraction for the full German family-name, "Nassau-Ussingen"; thus: "N-ussingen", "Nussingen"; and, then a dropping of the last syllable, to common in ordinary German speech. The common mode of writing a double s was ſs. So, it looked like "Nuſsig", or "Nushag".

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But, his children did not accept the change, and followed his own originally written, "Nassau."

See page 35, where, in 1797, (a year previous to the "Nushag" will) my great grandfather was writing his name as Nassau.

R. H. N.

Copy.

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Will of William Nassau, Sr.

I William Nassau Senior, of the 6th ward of the City of Philadelphia, Gentleman, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:-

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Nassau all my Kitchen and household furniture, provisions laid in for family use, all my wearing apparel, and the sum of two thousand dollars for her own use, for paying my funeral expenses and just debts out of my Estate.

Item: I give and bequeath, after the payment of my funeral expenses and just debts and legacy aforesaid unto my wife, the said Ann Nassau, the rents, income and interests arising and accruing from all

my said estate for and during all the term of her natural life.

Item:- I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personal and real estate in manner following, that is to say:-

Item:- I give devise and bequeath one undivided fourth part thereof unto my son, Wm. W. Hassan, his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever.

Item:- I give devise and bequeath one undivided fourth part thereof unto the five children of my deceased daughter, Mary Ann Kandy, viz. Annie R. Kandy, William L. Kandy, James R. Kandy, Mary E. Kandy and Francis M. Kandy their respective heirs executors administrators and assigns forever to be equally divided among my

said grand children share and share alike.

I give devise and bequeath one full equal fourth part thereof unto the two children of my deceased son, Edward H. Hassan, viz. Mary A. Hassan and William E. Hassan, their heirs executors administrators and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

I give devise and bequeath the one fourth part thereof unto my son, the said Charles W. Hassan, his heirs executors, administrators, upon the express trust and confidence, that he, the said trustee, do and shall receive the rents income and interest arising therefrom, from and after the decease of my said wife Ann Hassan and pay the same to my son William Hassan Junior, for and during the term of his natural life, without the same being in any way liable for the payments

of his death, and in case his wife Charlotte K. Nassau should die in him, then it is her, the said Charlotte K. Nassau the said rents income and interest for and during the term of her natural life, and after the decease of both the said William Nassau, sr. and Charlotte K. his wife, I direct and request the said equal fourth part thereof unto the and the issue or children of my said son William Nassau, their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever, to be equally divided between their share and their wife.

And, Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my said son Charles W. Nassau and my second wife ann Nassau executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore

for me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said William Nassau Senior, the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

William Nassau Senr (Seal)

Frederick C. Kreider

Joseph R. Wilkins, Jr.

Frederick C. Kreider and Joseph R. Wilkins the subscribing witnesses to the fore-

Nuncupative will of William Nassau, Sr. deceased
Sworn and subscribed April 3, 1861

Saml. Lloyd
Depy Regr

Charles W. Nassau, one of the Executors of the foregoing will of William Nassau, Sr. deceased, Sworn and subscribed April 3 1861, and letters testamentary granted unto him

Saml. Lloyd
Depy Regr

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Nas.

Deed of Property; by my great-grandfather, Charles William Nassau. Copied by me from the record in the Philadelphia City Hall. R. H. Nassau.

This Indenture, made the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, Between Jacob Apple, of the City of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Cordwainer, and Shannah his Wife, of the one part, and Charles William Nassau, of the same place, Baker, of the other part, Witnesseth: That the said Jacob Apple and Susannah his Wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania,

unto them well and truly in hand paid by the said Charles William Nassau, at or before Sealing and Delivery hereof, the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged, have granted bargained sold released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said Charles William Nassau and to his Heirs and Assigns, A certain Same Messuage or Tenement and Lot, a piece of Ground thereunto belonging, situate on the South side of Callowhill street continued between Delaware Eighth and Ninth streets, in the Northern Liberties of / City of Philadelphia, containing, in breadth East and West, 20 ft, and in Length or depth North and South, 130 ft.

Bounded, Eastward by Grounds granted to Philip Nenhorn, Southward by ground lot of Daniel Popham, Westward by ground of Frederick Wolbut, and Northward by Callowhill street aforesaid. (Being the same Lot of Ground and premises which Frederick Wolbut of / said Northern Liberties, Gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, by Indenture under their hands and seals duly executed bearing date the first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, granted and conveyed unto the said Jacob Apple in Fee, subject nevertheless to the Yearly Ground Rent or sum of sixteen Spanish milled silver dollars payable on the first day of June forever thereafter unto the

said Frederick Wolbert his Heirs and Assigns, Together with all and singular others the Buildings and Improvements Ways Water-courses Rights Liberties Privileges Immunities Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the Reversions and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and all the Estate Right Title and Interest whatever, both at Law and Equity, of him the said Jacob Apple and his Heirs, of into and out of the same, To Have and to Hold the said Messuage or Tenement and Lot or piece of Ground, Hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned so to be, with Appurtenances, unto the said Charles William Nassau &c &c."

Signed, by Jacob Apple and his wife's mark X
Witnessed, by Reynold Keen and James West,
Witnessed in Court of Common Pleas,
by Judge Reynold Keen, on June 19th 1797.
Recorded, May 14th 1798.

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N. B.
The address of great-grandfather Nassau,
I found, at the Philadelphia Historical
Society Library, in Francis White's
Philadelphia Directory of 1785.
It is given as "Charles Nassau, baker,
6th st, between Market and Arch."

R. H. N.

Notes,
by R. H. Nassau.

My great-grandfather, Charles William Nassau, in his Will (see page 1), mentions seven children, namely, 3 daughters;
1. Margaret (Mrs Stumfelty;
2. Barbara (Mrs Benninghove;
3. Catharine (Mrs Kingston ;
I know nothing of these families. I never heard them mentioned by either my grandfather or my father.
Also, 5 sons;
1. John;
2. Charles;
3. William;
4. Jacob;
5. Michael;

William was my grandfather. I know nothing of the other 4, except what is mentioned in the Wills.

namely: John married, and died (apparently without children) before great-grandfather made his will.
Jacob, a young man of 17, died at sea in the West Indies.
Michael seems to have been shiftless, and disappeared.
Charles, I never heard mentioned.
William (my grandfather) apparently, was the only one of the 5 who "made good".

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The maiden name of grandfather, William Nassau's wife was Parkenison, of Kensington. She had a sister who was married to a Mr. Christman, of Philadelphia. I have no memory of Mr. Christman: but his wife and 2 sons (William and Charles) and a daughter, visited my father's family,

at Easton, Pa. I remember also Mrs Christman visiting us at Lawrenceville, N.J. She daughter was beautiful, and musical. She was slightly lame in one hip. She married a Mr. Keene, of Philadelphia. I do not know what became of the Keene family. As to the 2 sons, I do not know whether either of them ever married; or, what became of them. The eldest, William, was owner of a livery stable in Philadelphia.

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Of my grandfather's family, living at 5th st above Poplar, Philadelphia, there was one daughter, Mary, who married a physician, Dr. Handy (of a Delaware family) and 5 sons, Charles, William, Edward, James, and Joseph.

of the Handy family, there was several sons, all of whom died young or unmarried. Of the 3 daughters, one, Mary, died young, unmarried. Frances married a widower, with children, living in W. Philadelphia, Mr. Armstrong. Anna married Mr. Charles Phillips. They had no children. But, an adopted daughter is now (1918) the wife of Mr. Sherman Baugher, of Ambler. Pa.

Of my grandfather's 5 sons, my father, Charles William Nassau, was the eldest. The next, William Nassau jr, married Miss Charlotte Marvel, of Delaware. They had several sons, and one daughter. The next, Edward, was a physician, a graduate of the Univ. of Pa. He married Miss Josephine Kay. They had a daughter, Mary, who died, unmarried. The son, Henry, married

a Miss Riter, of Philadelphia. They had no son. The next, James, a student in the Univ. of Pa., died unmarried.

The youngest, Joseph, died before he became of age.

The only Nassaus, of whom I know, besides my father's family, are descendants of cousin James Nassau, a son of my father's brother William. James, though he remained a Protestant, married a Roman Catholic: and we held no association with their children.

R. H. Nassau.